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SSA OPERATIONS IN MEXICO; PETERSON-CHASE TELCON 1/15/74

1. THE EMBASSY, IN CONSULTATION WITH CONGENS MONTERREY AND HERMOSILLO, AGREES WITH RECOMMENDATIONS ONE AND TWO OF REFERENCED SSA REPORT.
2. THERE ARE CURRENTLY THREE LOCAL EMBASSY POSITIONS DEVOTED PRIMARILY TO FEDERAL BENEFITS WORK. HOWEVER, ONE OF THESE ALSO ACTS AS A CONSULAR RECEPTIONIST AND SPENDS AT LEAST ONE HALF OF HIS TIME ON PROTECTION AND WELFARE MATTERS. THEREFORE, APPROXIMATELY 100 MAN HOURS ARE EXPENDED EACH WEEK PLUS 10 HOURS AMERICAN OFFICER SUPERVISOR.
3. MONTERREY AND HERMOSILLO REPORT 45 MAN HOURS AND 10 MAN HOURS RESPECTIVELY, SPENT WEEKLY BY LOCAL EMPLOYEES ON FEDERAL BENEFITS WORK.
4. TO IMPLEMENT THESE TWO RECOMMENDATIONS ONE NEW LOCAL EMPLOYEE POSITION WILL BE REQUIRED INITIALLY AT EACH OF THREE POSTS. IF FIELD WORK AT MONTERREY AND HERMOSILLO SUBSEQUENTLY PROVES HEAVY, IT IS POSSIBLE AN ADDITIONAL NEW POSITION WOULD BE REQUIRED AT EACH OF THESE POSTS.

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5. PROVISION SHOULD BE MADE FOR THOROUGH TRAINING OF LOCAL

PERSONNEL IN CLAIMS-TAKING FUNCTION ALTHOUGH EMBASSY BELIEVES
IT CAN BEGIN THIS IMMEDIATELY WITH MINIMUM OF DIFFICULTY.

6. COMMENT ON OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS WILL BE SUBMITTED AT
AN EARLY DATE.

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